

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

V.


NO. 1:97CR20-7-Br-R

ROGERS CRAFT,
Defendant

ORDER

This cause comes before the court on the letter motion of the defendant in the above styled and numbered cause, moving the court to allow him to serve the remainder of his sentence at a halfway house or on home confinement. After due consideration of the motion and the response of the Probation Office, a copy of which is attached, the court finds that the motion should be and it is hereby **DENIED**.

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED this, the 13th day of March, 2007.


NEAL B. BIGGERS, JR.
SENIOR U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

United States District Court

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

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The Honorable Neal B. Biggers
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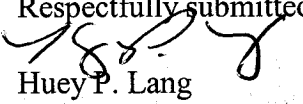
RE: **CRAFT, Rogers**
SD/MS Docket No. 1:97CR20
Response to recent Letter/Motion

Dear Judge Biggers:

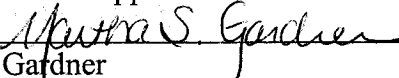
I have reviewed Mr. Craft's correspondence which was filed stamped December 26, 2006. It appears Craft is requesting the Court enter an Order instructing the Bureau of Prisons to immediately place him in a half-way house or, better yet, on home confinement. Craft argues that changes in recent case law provide legal authority for the Court to grant such a request. Craft suggests that since the half-way house environment is a place of imprisonment, he should be allowed to serve the remainder of his sentence in a half-way house. Craft cites no compelling authority for this argument.

I have contacted Ms. Roberson who is Craft's case manager at Yazoo City Federal Prison Camp. She stated that a rumor has surfaced within the prison population surrounding an "unnamed case" wherein the Court reportedly instructed the Bureau of Prisons to place an inmate in a half-way house, even though he had a lengthy prison term yet to serve. The "rumor" is without merit. Unfortunately, Ms. Roberson states she has had to respond to many such inquiries similar to my own. Craft has an anticipated release date of March 15, 2012. He will be eligible to be referred to a half-way house in September 2011. As the Bureau of Prisons is charged, statutorily, with the administration of the incarceration of federal inmates, it is respectfully suggested that Craft's "motion" be denied. The Bureau of Prisons is in the best position to determine if and when Craft is entitled to be placed in a half-way house.

Respectfully submitted,


Huey P. Lang
U.S. Probation Officer

Reviewed and Approved:


Martha S. Gardner
Supervising U.S. Probation Officer

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